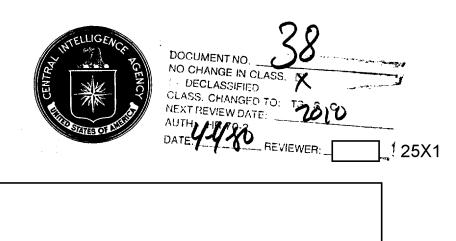
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	I.	THE COMMUNIST BLOC	;	
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	USSR - Nucle	ar test talks <b>, K</b> hrushchev	has charged in	
for	talks with the a nuclear test	British that control mech- cessation agreement are	nanisms proposed e designed to locate	
Soviet missile bases, and said that he was "having no part of it." The Macmillan-Khrushchev talks have convinced British			25X1	
vete	officials that Moscow will not compromise on its insistence on veto powers in the proposed control commission, except possibly as part of a "package deal" at a heads-of-government			
conference. In Moscow Khrushchev continued his offensive manner toward Macmillan, injecting such subjects as Suez in-			25X1	
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			<u>Iraq:</u> An attempt to assassinate Prime Minister Qasim was made on 22 February, according to an Iraqi official. He	
			said 15 arrests ensued, but he did not identify the group behind the attempt. Whether or not the report is true, such	25X1
		20	rumors support the Iraqi Communist effort to keep Qasim	25X1
			in a state of suspicion and fear for his personal security, and encourage him to deal drastically with opposition elements.	
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			Iran: Labor unrest at the Iranian Abadan oil refinery	
			may soon result in a strike. The Iranian Government has suggested that the consortium of Western oil companies op-	
		/	erating Iran's oil industry grant an immediate across-the-	
		0K	board ten-percent wage increase to calm the situation. The Iranian Communist underground, encouraged by Moscow's at-	
	<b>1</b> 25	5X1	tacks on the Shah, would seek to expand disorders resulting from any strike	
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	Morocco: (The Moroccan Government may press for an	
25X1 .	agreement concerning the five American air bases in Morocco in the 'not too distant future.' The secretary general of the	
	Moroccan Foreign Ministry assured an American Embassy of- ficer that the Ibrahim government would approach the problem	25X1
()0	with a friendly spirit. However, the Istiqlal right wing, which seeks to unseat Ibrahim, is attacking the government for failure to act swiftly, hinting this may be attributable to the recent offer	
	of \$40,000,000 of American aid. The Ibrahim government probably will seek the evacuation of the bases within several years.	
<b>2</b> 5X1	Ibrahim's predecessor, Balafrej, not only asked a phased evacuation but proposed a prohibition of "strategic" use of the bases	
	in the interim	
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		III. THE WEST		
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10	(CINCAFMED), a	er-in-Chief Allied Forces British admiral. De Gau	lle personally dis- 📙	
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## General Strike at Iranian Refinery Likely

A decline in the production of the Iranian Abadan oil refinery has aggravated the chronic problem of surplus labor, and resulting labor unrest may soon erupt into widespread strikes and violence.

The Abadan refinery, run by the consortium of Western oil companies operating Iran's "nationalized" oil industry, has a capacity of about 514,000 barrels daily but recently has produced only 275,000 barrels daily. While the refinery labor force has been reduced by about 7,000 from the 1956 peak of 35,000, it still includes over 17,000 surplus workers who would have been fired except for the companies' fear of violence and the government's threats to side with the workers.

There is also substantial unemployment in Abadan, and the large Arab population in the area--about 30 percent--probably could be exploited by Iraq. The Iranian Communist underground, encouraged by Moscow's attacks on the Shah, would seek to expand disorders resulting from any strike.

Thus far the government has shown little interest in improving social and economic conditions but is using the deteriorating situation to force the consortium to increase refinery output. More recently, the Iranian labor minister asked the company to grant an immediate 10-percent across-the-board wage increase to calm the situation. The minister threatened to apply the terms of the minimum wage law, which is expected to be passed soon, to increase oil workers' wages about 30 percent if the company refused.

the Abadar	nment forces probably could contain any strike in a rea, although there is always the danger that antintiment, based on real grievances, could get out of hat the strike fever could spread to other parts of the	
country.		
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